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Arcata Fire proposes new tax

Funds for staffing, to keep stations open

Jack Durham
MAD RIVER UNION

MCKINLEYVILLE – The Arcata Fire District will ask voters next year to increase a special tax to help pay for firefighters and prevent one of its stations from closing down. If voters approve the measure, the tax for a typical single-family home would go up \$98 a year.

The Arcata Fire District Board of Directors voted unanimously Nov. 20 in favor of a resolution that will put the tax increase before voters on the March 3 ballot, which will also feature a presidential primary. The measure will need to be approved by at least two-thirds of voters to be successful.

The measure would increase a special tax approved by voters in 1997. The existing tax is \$5 "per unit of benefit," with an average single-family home having four units of benefit, bringing the annual tax to \$20 a year.

The proposed tax increase would do away with "units of benefit," and instead have a simplified flat tax depending on the type of property.

A single-family home would be taxed \$118 a year, an increase of \$98 compared to the current tax. (Tax rates for other property categories can be found at arcatafire.org.)

One of the goals of the tax measure is maintain staffing levels and keep open the district's three stations: Downtown Arcata at 631 Ninth St., Mad River at 3235 Janes Rd.

FIRE TAX ❖ A4

Planco snubs wind project

Daniel Mintz
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – In a surprising twist, a planning commissioner who had complained that "everything pretty much gets said no to" in the county changed his stance on a controversial wind energy project and joined a majority Planning Commission vote to deny it.

The Terra-Gen wind energy project proposed for Monument and Bear River ridges was denied in a 4-2 commission vote on Nov. 21 following another lengthy hearing filled with dramatic moments.

With Commissioner Brian Mitchell absent, the commission was left with an even number of members and an initial motion to approve the

TERRA-GEN ❖ A4

Plaza's fire-wracked east side struggles



NOT AS IT SEEMS The Plaza's east side buildings look OK, but the mid-block is basically out of business for now. The fire that started at the Big Blue Café sent flames into a shared crawlspace, damaging several shops to the north. KLH | UNION

Under-building damage revealed in fire dept. report

Kevin L. Hoover
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ARCATA – The generator fire that sent smoke under multiple businesses on the Plaza's east side on Sunday, Oct. 27 has left several retailers, service providers and office workers alike with few good options at the onset of the holiday season.

While from the outside the G Street buildings look the same as they did before the fire, everything north of the Big Blue Café, where the fire started, sustained smoke damage that rendered merchandise unsaleable and put numerous employees out of work.

A just-released report on the fire reveals both the specific cause of the fire and the estimated \$1.5 million extent of the damage underneath the buildings. Read a summary of the report on page A6, and the entire document at madriverriverunion.com.

Businesses adapt

Businesses on the burned block were all affected in slightly different ways.

Plaza, at Eighth and G streets, was virtually unaffected. Moonrise Herbs experienced "a little smoke smell," according to an employee, but didn't miss a day of operations. Heartbead, located

PLAZA FIRE ❖ A6



SEARED SUPPORTS The real extent of the fire is revealed in newly released photos. A structural engineer will analyze the damage. PHOTO COURTESY ARCATA FIRE

THE 2019 PLAZA FIRE

❖ **Date:** Sunday, Oct. 27, 4:07 p.m.
❖ **Location:** Big Blue Café, 846 G St., Plaza

RESPONSE

❖ Arcata Fire apparatus on scene: 13

❖ Personnel involved: 37

LOSSES

❖ Pre-incident property value: \$12,936,330

❖ Contents: \$9,702,427

❖ Total: \$22,638,577

❖ Property loss: \$750,000

❖ Contents lost: \$750,000

❖ Total: \$1,500,000

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A black and white photograph showing a close-up of a wooden structure, likely a window frame or door. The image highlights a textured, ribbed material, possibly a blind or shutter, and a dark, rectangular component, possibly a handle or latch, set against a light-colored wood background.



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Proposed Single-Use Plastic Bottle Reduction Ordinance

Background

On May 1, 2019, the Arcata City Council directed staff to develop an ordinance that would regulate the use of plastic bottles at city facilities. The ordinance would include the following:

- 1) Prohibit the sale or distribution of single-use plastic bottled beverages under twenty-one fluid ounces on city property.
- 2) In the event that containers greater than 21 ounces in size are utilized, single-use containers (e.g. single-use cups) must comply with the City's Disposable Foodware Ordinance. The use of reusable containers is encouraged.

To ensure adequate drinking water sources, the city will add public drinking fountains and water bottle refilling stations in public locations.

What is the purpose of the ordinance?

Regulating the use of plastic beverage bottles will help to minimize waste associated with plastic bottle usage as well as help protect the City's natural environment from plastic pollution.

How does this affect permitted events?

If the Ordinance were to be adopted, the city would no longer issue any new leases, contracts, permits, bid proposals, solicitations, or other forms of agreement allowing use of city property for purposes that would include the sale/distribution of bottled beverages.

What is the definition of "bottled beverages"?

"Bottled beverage" means drinking water, sparkling water, soda, sport drinks, juice, or any other similar product in a rigid plastic bottle having a capacity of twenty-one fluid ounces or less and intended primarily as a single-service container

Are there exemptions?

- Emergencies
- The sale/distribution of bottled beverages to participants of an athletic event
- An event where the applicant submitted a complete application for review, or received approval, prior to the effective date of the ordinance.

the Environmental Services Department at eservices@cityofarcata.org or (707) 822-8184.

City of Arcata

Proposed Single Use Foodware Reduction Ordinance

Background

In 2015, the Arcata City Council adopted an ordinance prohibiting the use and distribution of expanded polystyrene (Styrofoam). On May 1, 2019, the Arcata City Council directed staff to develop an amendment to this ordinance that would include the following:

- 1) Require all single use disposable foodware to be fiber-based materials that readily decompose.
- 2) Require accessory disposable foodware items to be provided only upon request.
- 3) Require businesses to use reusable foodware for on-site dining.
- 4) Require businesses to charge customers a fee for single use disposable foodware

What is the purpose of the amendment?

Foodware that is not reusable or readily decomposable negatively impacts our natural and marine environment. It pollutes our waterways, streets, parks, and open spaces, and it does not readily decompose. Even recyclable materials often don't get recycled. The proposed amendment will help eliminate the distribution and use of disposable foodware that is not reusable or easily decomposable.

Single use disposable foodware includes:

Plates	Cups	Spoons	Straws*	Sleeves*
Plates	Clamshells	Knives	Lids	Stirrers*
Trays	Forks*	Napkins		

** these items are considered to be "accessory disposable items" and would only be provided upon request*

Who does this ordinance affect?

Any food establishment, vendor, business, store, or organization that dispenses prepared food or beverage for dine-in or take-out.

Are there exemptions?

- Foods that are packaged outside of Arcata are exempt, however all vendors of pre-packaged prepared food items are encouraged to follow the ordinance.
- Disposable foodware composed entirely of aluminum, like metal foil and trays, are exempt.
- Disposable foodware items that are not yet easily available on the market in a decomposable fiber-based form will not be under enforcement until the time the market offers an alternative. Examples include drink lids and hot beverage or liquid containers.

For more information regarding the proposed ordinance, please feel free to contact the Environmental Services Department at eservices@cityofarcata.org or 707-822-8184.

- Corrections

Last week's story on the Eco-Groovy Deals shop's move across the Plaza contained some errors. A corrected version may be viewed at madriverrunion.com.



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Small Biz Saturday, Season of Wonder ahead

ARCATA MAIN STREET
ARCATA – To celebrate the Season of Wonder and Light in Arcata, bring families to the Downtown throughout the holiday season and support the businesses affected by the Plaza fire, Arcata Main Street kicks off the Season of Wonder and Light on Small Business Saturday with music, shopping, cocoa and more on Saturday, Nov. 30 from 3 to 9 p.m. Free horse-drawn carriage rides are offered from 5 to 8 p.m.

Family and friends are invited to the Arcata Plaza to celebrate local businesses and the start of the Holiday Season. Participating businesses will be open late and fire affected business are invited to come out to the plaza.

Arcata Main Street is sponsoring our annual Holiday Shopping Passport. Shoppers receive a stamp for purchases at participating businesses. There are three prizes: a GRAND shopping spree of \$300; and two \$100 shopping sprees at participating businesses in the downtown. The drawing will be on Thursday, Dec. 19 on the Plaza.

This will be followed by multiple



events and fun throughout the holiday season, including the Holiday Open House, Friday, Dec. 6 from 5 to 8 p.m.; Arts! Arcata, Friday, Dec. 13 from 5 to 8 p.m.; and the Winter Solstice Celebration, Saturday, Dec. 21 from 3 to 6 p.m.

Additional details can be found at ArcataMainStreet.com for a full listing of events. Arcata Main Street

works to promote the health of our historic Plaza business district. To this end, Arcata Main Street, local businesses, and members of our community have come together for this annual celebration, in the heart of historic Arcata. Everyone is invited to downtown Arcata to enjoy the holiday sights, sounds, and cheer throughout the remainder of the year.

Harvest Feast at Vets Hall

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ARCATA – The Arcata Veterans Memorial Building, 1425 J St., presents its Fourth Annual Harvest Feast on Thanksgiving, Thursday, Nov. 28. Doors open at noon; feasting begins at 1 p.m.

The event is free (although donations are welcome) and open to the public. (707) 822-1552, arcatavetshall.org

Arcata House Partnership (AHP) isn't

holding its traditional Thanksgiving Community Meal this year, but plans to resume the event in 2020.

Last year, AHP assisted the Vets Hall with its Thanksgiving meal, but this year the hall is handling its event on its own.

AHP serves a b o u t 300 meals daily to its clients through its Lunch Box food truck, at its shelters and via its food pantry at Arcata First Baptist Church.

Open Door planning new clinic building

MAD RIVER UNION
ARCATA – The public will have an opportunity to comment Tuesday, Dec. 10 on a proposed two-story health clinic that may be constructed near Sunset and Foster avenues in Arcata. The hearing begins at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 736 F St.

The Arcata Planning Commission will hold a hearing on that day on the project's draft environmental impact report, now available at cityofarcata.org, Arcata City Hall and the Humboldt State University Library.

Open Door Community Health Centers is proposing to build a 34,000-square-foot health clinic on a vacant 1.8-acre parcel, located west of the Sunset and Foster Avenue roundabout.

Open Door plans to close the Humboldt Open Door Clinic at 770 10th St. and the North Country Clinic at 785 18th St. and consolidate them into the new "Arcata Community Health Center." The existing clinic buildings were never designed to serve as health clinics and both have "aging infrastructure," according to a notice of preparation of a focused draft environmental impact report issued

by the city in August.

"The proposed facility will allow Open Door to provide services in a modern and efficient building, designed specifically for providing medical health care services, and will also create an opportunity for re-use of two centrally located lots in the heart of Arcata," states the notice.

The public review period for the draft EIR ends on Jan. 13.

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Cross-pollination worries downsize hemp farming

Daniel Mintz
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – A mapped hemp farming zone includes 6,000 acres of the greater Arcata area but it’s now off the table as county supervisors are focusing on smaller-scale medicinal hemp production.

The ongoing debate on how to regulate hemp continued at the Nov. 19 Board of Supervisors meeting. Up for consideration was an ordinance banning hemp cultivation and its manufacturing, processing and distribution.

The Planning Commission had unanimously voted to recommend that but supervisors were wary of taking the all-encompassing action. They’re supportive of extending a temporary moratorium solely on hemp cultivation while more work is done on developing

regulations.

During a public comment session, many speakers pointed out that hemp is the same plant as cannabis but is differentiated by its trace amount of THC.

Cross-pollination due to the presence of male plants is the main concern of cannabis farmers and Ross Gordon, the policy director of the Humboldt Growers Alliance (HGA), summed up the issue as a question of scale.

“You can check for male plants when you’re on 5,000 or 10,000 square feet but checking for male plants on 100 acres is a different story,” he said, adding that large-scale hemp farming has caused the “big meltdowns” from cross-pollination seen in Southern Oregon and Colorado.

He said that’s why HGA opposes allowing commercial-scale

cultivation of hemp in the county. The association is “neutral” on small-scale hemp cultivation.

Joshua Hanna, CEO of Humboldt CBD and Humboldt Hemp Incorporated, believes regulation should hone in on the aspect of hemp cultivation that people are most concerned about.

“If cross-pollination is the primary concern regarding hemp then we should shift the conversation toward regulating male cannabis plants in general – both hemp and marijuana,” he said. “Strains of cannabis which do not contain THC and classify as hemp are not the problem, male plants are the problem when it comes to pollination.”

He added that a tradition of hemp cultivation runs deep in the county and “fighting female hemp farming in Humboldt County is

fighting something historic that began here.”

Hemp cultivation can – and does – occur under the county’s existing commercial cannabis ordinance but it’s a lower-value product than THC-rich cannabis, hence the larger scale of production.

Growing it under current permit conditions is viable but it’s less profit with the same costs and taxation.

County staff had envisioned a 28,000-acre Industrial Hemp Management Zone made up of large-tract farmlands. But supervisors showed interest in accommodating smaller-scale CBD hemp producers.

They will take more time to develop a regulatory approach. “At the very minimum, we have to do a moratorium until we know bet-

ter,” said Supervisor Estelle Fennell.

She wants to make sure farming practices and prevention of environmental harm are controlled. “I don’t know what level of control we’d have for something that was really meant for building products and other traditional hemp products,” she said.

Supervisors will vote on extending the county’s existing hemp moratorium on Dec. 10 and are supportive of doing so, for a year.

In the meantime, they decided to go with one of the alternatives to an outright ban, which is to have staff consider the county’s general cannabis regulations and “determine if there are regulatory barriers which preclude small farmers from entry into the legal market place.”

Charmaine Lawson and APD issue new plea for witnesses to step forward

CITY OF ARCATA

ARCATA – Charmaine Lawson and Arcata Police Chief Brian Ahearn teamed up to tape a public service announcement to ask for the public’s assistance in identifying witnesses who were present at a house party the morning of April 15, 2017 when Charmaine’s son, David Josiah Lawson, was stabbed and killed.

The 30 second PSA can be shared with the public on any media platform. (Hear the message at madriverriverunion.com.)

Josiah Lawson was attending a house party at 1120 Spear Ave. in Arcata. At approximately 3 a.m., Josiah was stabbed to death.

During the homicide investigation several witnesses came forward and were interviewed. Based on the on-going investigation it is believed that there are other witnesses who were present at the house party at approximately the time Josiah was stabbed who have not yet been interviewed.

Those who were present but have not yet been interviewed may have information, unbeknownst to them, that could assist in the overall investigation.

The Arcata Police Department is asking that those who were present at the house party when the killing of David Josiah Lawson occurred and those who have information regarding the stabbing death of David Josiah Lawson be interviewed by investigators from the APD.

Please call the Arcata Police Department at (707) 825-2590 if you or someone you know has information.



David Josiah Lawson

Humboldt State and College of the Redwoods sign partnership pact

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HUMBOLDT – The College of the Redwoods and Humboldt State University formalized a longstanding partnership on Friday, with the overall goal of making the path to a four-year degree seamless for students who transfer.

HSU President Tom Jackson and CR President Keith Flamer signed a memorandum of understanding today at an event at CR.

The agreement establishes a formal collaboration on joint academic programs, admissions, intercollegiate athletics, university housing and campus safety, and a commitment to discuss additional partnership and/ or collaboration opportunities.

The MOU builds upon several recent HSU-CR initiatives to improve pathways and share resources, including the launch of HSU’s RN to BSN nursing program, created with the help of CR and other partners.

CR also created three new degree pathways that will prepare CR students in Social Justice, Environmental Science, and Social Work and Human Services to attend HSU and other four-year schools. And CR students and employees can check out books and access other resources at HSU’s Library for free without an annual membership.

“We’re building on an already strong relationship. We’re excited to take things a step further by creating a framework of educational opportunities for CR students to become Humboldt State students and earn their four-year degree,” President Jackson says. “By staying in the region, they also contribute to the local economy and enrich the communities of the North Coast.”

President Flamer agrees, stating, “This agreement formally acknowledges that College of the Redwoods and Humboldt State University are active educational partners working together to provide high quality educational opportunities to our shared community. I am thrilled to deepen CR’s connection to HSU through this innovative agreement and am convinced that this will be transformative for both of our institutions.” Aileen Yoo, Humboldt State University Director of News & Information at (707) 826-5105 or aileen.yoo@humboldt.edu.

Terra-Gen | Planco snubs project in turnout vote

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project drew a 3-3 tie vote.

A second vote, to deny the project and its Environmental Impact Report (EIR), was expected to have the same result as the commissioners who supported the project seemed confident in doing so.

One of them inexplicably changed course, however, breaking the gridlock and voting for denial to the delight of the project’s opponents.

But the Board of Supervisors will have definitive local say, as the commission’s decision is sure to be appealed.

Terra-Gen’s divisive plan to install 47 600-foot tall turbines on the ridges was again debated during the hearing’s public comment sessions on the project and its EIR.

The EIR details the project’s benefits, including displacement of almost 400,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide and enough renewable energy generation to power 70,000 county households.

The minority of project supporters who spoke during public comment emphasized the importance of local renewable energy production.

Larry Goldberg, the vice-chair of the Redwood Coast Energy Authority’s Community Advisory Committee, noted that meetings were held countywide to gauge public opinion on energy production and “the vast majority of people” supported a mix of renewables, including onshore wind.

He added that the county “needs to dramatically reduce” fossil fuel consumption to meet emissions reduction targets.

Other speakers said failure to do so will trigger more intense environmental impacts than those caused by the project.

A variant of that argument was voiced by a nine-year-old boy who told commissioners, “If climate change continues, the earth will die – all of it, the birds, the monkeys, the sharks, the fish and us -- we will die without reaching adulthood, that is why you need to put in the windmills.”

The project’s opponents agree on the need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions but argued that new infrastructure should be appropriately-sited.

And they said the ridges are not appropriate for an industrial wind energy farm that will kill birds and bats, seconding EIR comments from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The Bear River Ridge siting is especially disturbing to many, as it is

considered a sacred prayer site by the Wiyot Tribe – which strongly opposes the project -- and includes a variety of culturally-significant plants.

The conclusion of public comment set a stage for commissioners to react to the many hours of commentary they’d listened to over the course of three hearings. The project’s divisiveness was readily apparent as commissioners ventured their views.

In a lengthy statement, Commissioner Melanie McCavour flatly stated that the project “never should have been proposed on ridges considered sacred by our local tribes – that is the first reason why this is the right project in the wrong location.”

She added that the siting violates the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and if the project is built, “The international community would be appalled.”

One of the EIR’s mitigation measures is to remove plants from Bear River Ridge and give them to the Wiyot tribe. “The idea that we are pulling up plants and offering them to the tribes is embarrassing,” McCavour said. “It’s shameful – it’s insulting.”

If the project is approved, she continued, “You will make the international news for trying to put an old-style wind farm on sacred ridges in the world’s only temperate redwood rain forest.”

McCavour summarized her condemnation of the project by saying, “If you look at it from a global perspective, it sounds, honestly, not just insulting but crazy.”

A conflicted Commissioner Noah Levy resented McCavour’s descriptions. “I think anyone that thinks this is an easy call is missing something,” he said.

In comments that he would later partially apologize for, he told McCavour, “I think you vastly oversimplified the arguments in favor of one direction over the other so I felt a little bit insulted that it would just be stupid for anyone to support this.”

Like other commissioners, Levy said Bear River Ridge will be vulnerable to a more impactful consequence – subdivision – if the project isn’t approved and drew audience reactions when he suggested that the tribe’s wishes shouldn’t control the county’s land use decision-making.

Earlier, Commission Chair Bob Morris and Commissioner Alan Bongio both had described the project as a hedge against subdivision of the

Russ Ranch on Bear River Ridge.

Following McCavour’s speech, Bongio offered “a little bit more of a Humboldt perspective,” saying, “Ever since I was old enough to pay attention, I’ve watched every project that’s come to this county get denied.”

And the Russ family is “working with the company to do something that is going to keep this land intact,” he said.

Commissioner Peggy O’Neill, planning director of the Yurok tribe, which also opposes the project, questioned why the project would be supported. “I’ve sat here and listened to the community that is probably going to be the most impacted by this project tell us over and over again that they don’t want it, for very good reasons,” she said. “I don’t see how we can sit here and say that we’re going to have to have it anyway.”

With Commissioner Mike Newman in support of the project, the lines seemed to be clearly drawn – except in Levy’s case. So there was a sense of suspense as the commission launched into a vote.

Newman’s motion to approve the project was seconded by Bongio and the vote hit a 3-3 gridlock when Levy, after a pause and a sigh, voted against the motion, joining McCavour and O’Neill.

Morris asked Planning Director John Ford if the failed motion equates to a denial. Ford recommended specifically voting on denial as a procedural matter.

The expectation was that the follow-up motion would yield another tie and a continuance of the meeting, which Levy had earlier asked for due to new information in the EIR.

McCavour’s motion to deny the project was seconded by O’Neill. Levy voted for it, then Newman and Morris voted against it.

Bongio was next in the sequence but hesitated for a few moments, then almost inaudibly said “yes” to the motion.

Peals of audience applause and cheers followed, growing louder after McCavour and O’Neill rounded out the 4-2 denial vote.

The next phase of the controversy is expected to be the appeal to the Board of Supervisors but an approval there wouldn’t end the power struggle.

Lawsuits challenging the EIR would follow and if McCavour’s prediction of international scorn is correct, a go-ahead for the project will probably take the battle to the landscape and civil disobedience.

Fire tax | Failure would see station closure, demotions, layoffs

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and McKinleyville at 2149 Central Ave.

The district wants to restore three vacant positions that were funded by a Federal Emergency Management Agency grant that expired in 2017.

“The district has operated in a deficit for the last three years and 2019 will be the last year we can sustain the current level of service and keep three fire stations staffed,” states a FAQ on the district’s website.

The district has six firefighters and one chief/officer on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week. They cover Arcata, McKinleyville, Bayside and Manila. They also provide mutual aid to neighboring departments and have assisted with major wildfires throughout the state.

If the tax measure fails in March, the district would close one of its stations, reduce the on-duty personnel from seven down to four, demote three battalion chiefs to captains, demote six captains to firefighters and lay off

six firefighters.

If the tax is approved, it would generate an estimated \$2.2 million a year. This would keep stations open and basically maintain the status quo in terms of daily staffing.

Filling the three positions previously funded by the FEMA grant will also help reduce some of the personnel over-time .

Fire Chief Justin McDonald told the Board of Directors at last week’s meeting that staffing is so tight, that it’s not unusual for firefighters to have “forced overtime.” If someone calls in sick, firefighters are forced to work additional shifts beyond their regular shifts to ensure that the district is properly covered.

The district tried to pass a funding measure in 2015, but it was rejected by voters.

Battalion Chief Rick Gomes said he’s learned from past measures what the public wants to hear. “Tell us why you need it, tell us what it cost and justify it,” Gomes said.

Monday morning Marina meth arrest

EUREKA POLICE DEPT.
EUREKA –On Monday, Nov. 18 at about 10 a.m., a waterfront/parks ranger with the Eureka Police Department’s Community Safety Enhancement Team (CSET) contacted Todd Newby, 52, of Eureka, near the public restrooms on Marina Way. Newby had a warrant for his arrest and was taken into custody. During the search of his person, Newby was allegedly found to be in possession of 12 grams of methamphetamine in various packaging and other items consistent with the sale of methamphetamine. Newby was transported and booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility for his warrant and on suspicion of possession of a controlled substance for sales.

Two arrested in Eur child abuse case

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE
EUREKA – On Monday, Nov. 18 the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office Criminal Investigations Division served a search warrant on the 2300 block of Parkwood Boulevard in Humboldt Hill as a result of a child abuse investigation. During the service of the warrant, deputies arrested 31-year-old Christopher Mark Best and 58-year-old Gaylia Jean Wilson. Best was booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility on suspicion of sodomy with a child, lewd or lascivious

acts with a child, recurring sexual conduct and unlawful intercourse with a minor. His bail is set at \$195,000. Wilson was booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility on suspicion of child endangerment. Her bail is set at \$55,000. Anyone with information for the Sheriff’s Office regarding this case or related criminal activity is encouraged to call the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office at (707) 445-7251 or the Sheriff’s Office Crime Tip line at (707) 268-2539.

Woman struck on southbound 101

CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL
EUREKA – On Tuesday, Nov. 19 at about 1:21 a.m., the Humboldt Area CHP responded to a call of a pedestrian struck by a vehicle on southbound U.S. Highway 101 at the California Redwood Company crossing, which is located just north of Harper Motors. Upon arriving on scene, emergency medical personnel located Amanda Dyball, 38, of Fortuna, suffering from major injuries due to being struck by a vehicle. Dyball was subsequently transported to St. Joseph Hospital for treatment of her injuries. Officers interviewed the driver of the vehicle, 32-year-old Jorge Martinez, and his passenger, 36-year-old Paula Bana, both of Santa Rosa. Based on the preliminary investigation officers determined that Dyball walked across U.S. Highway 101 and directly into the path of Martinez. It was dark and raining lightly at the time of the collision, increasing the danger of crossing the roadway at this location. The CHP Humboldt Area Office is continuing its investigation into this collision and asks anyone who may have information to contact the office at (707) 822-5981 or send an email to humboldtarea@chp.ca.gov. The CHP reminds pedestrians to increase visibility at night by carrying a flashlight and wearing light-colored or reflective clothing. Also, be careful crossing multiple lanes of traffic and make sure each lane of

traffic is clear before you cross.

Explosive devices found on beach

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE
MAD RIVER BEACH – On Thursday, Nov. 21 at about 10:56 a.m., the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) team was dispatched to Mad River Beach for the report of two possible explosive devices located approximately a half mile north of Mad River Beach County Park. Deputies learned that two beach-goers located the devices while walking on the beach. The two reportedly picked up one of the devices thinking it was trash. When the subjects placed the device back onto the beach, the device ignited. The two subjects then buried the second device and called law enforcement. Fortunately, neither subject was injured. EOD deputies responded to the beach, unearthed the second device and rendered it safe. Anyone with information for the Sheriff’s Office regarding this case or related criminal activity is encouraged to call the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office at (707) 445-7251 or the Sheriff’s Office Crime Tip line at (707) 268-2539. The Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office reminds the public that if you come across a suspicious object, do not pick it up or move it, but report it immediately to law enforcement.

Chase leads to kidnapping arrest

EUREKA POLICE DEPT.
EUREKA – On Friday, Nov. 22 at about 3:34 a.m., the Eureka Police Department communications center received second-hand information that a female subject was being held against her will by her boyfriend, identified as Chai Lia Her, 37. The caller further explained that the victim had called her and was told that Her would not let her out of his vehicle and was

driving around Eureka. Her’s vehicle was only described as a gray truck. A records check revealed a possible license plate for the vehicle. Officers began searching for the vehicle. At about 4:15 a.m., the victim phoned 911 and she could be heard stating repeatedly to be taken home. At about 4:33 a.m., officers located Her’s vehicle traveling southbound on Fairway Drive. Officers attempted a high risk traffic stop on the vehicle on Herrick Avenue, but the vehicle fled and a pursuit was initiated. The vehicle continued northbound onto U.S. Highway 101 and into the city limits. The vehicle ultimately stopped on Glen Street at Harris Avenue. Her was detained without further incident. The victim was located uninjured in the passenger seat of the vehicle. As a result of the investigation, Her was taken into custody on suspicion of kidnapping and evading arrest. He was booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility and is being held on \$75,000 bail.

Move over – it’s the law

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE
HUMBOLDT – The Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office reminds the public of the “Move Over” law, which requires all motorists to move over a lane, if safe to do so, or slow down when law enforcement or emergency vehicles displaying emergency lights are present on the side of the roadway. Your cooperation with the Move Over law helps keep you and HCSO deputies safe!



ARCATA POLICE LOG
Kevin L. Hoover

The Arcata Police Log has recovered from a two-week fugue state induced by the sheer abundance of nimrod imbroglios. It has broken its brainlock, checked its snivellog, gathered iliacs in an old brown shoe and will return next week. We apologize for the outage.

Burke recognized for transport leadership

COALITION FOR RESPONSIBLE TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES
MCKINLEYVILLE – The Coalition for Responsible Transportation Priorities (CRTP) has named McKinleyville Community Services District Director and McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee member Mary Burke the 2019 North Coast Responsible Transportation Champion. Burke is being recognized for her leadership in promoting better planning, infrastructure, and community engagement in active transportation in McKinleyville. Burke co-founded the McKinleyville Community Trails Coalition in 2017 and recently spearheaded the formation of the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee’s first active transportation subcommittee. “When it comes to walking and biking in McKinleyville, Director Burke has played the role of a visionary leader as well as an engaged, hard-working citizen,” said CRTP Executive Director Colin Fiske. “She has raised the profile of active transportation in this historically car-dominated community and created a momentum for improvement that won’t soon be slowed.”

“I am honored to receive this award, and I accept it on behalf of the members of our community that have put energy into active transportation planning for McKinleyville,” said Burke. “The work we do now to make it easier, safer, and more fun to walk and ride will improve our health and will benefit generations to come. As an appeal to those who have an interest in serving your community, please consider joining MCSD’s Recreation Advisory Committee or the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee to help advance solutions to active transportation needs.” The North Coast Responsible Transportation Champion award is given each year to a leader who furthers CRTP’s mission of “promoting transportation solutions that protect and support a healthy environment, healthy people, healthy communities and a healthy economy on the North Coast.” Burke is the second recipient of the award. State Senator Mike McGuire received the inaugural 2018 award for his work and vision of making the Great Redwood Trail a reality. “Although it sometimes receives less attention than other local communities, McKinleyville has the third-largest population in Humboldt County,” said Fiske. “Improving bikeability and walkability here will improve public health and quality of life for many people, reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses and other pollutants, and help support a vibrant local economy. Burke’s leadership has put active transportation planning at the top of the agenda in McKinleyville, and for that she fully deserves to be named the 2019 North Coast Responsible Transportation Champion.” transportationpriorities.org

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SCORCHED AFTERMATH Left, the generator that suckerpunched the Plaza. Left inside the back door of Big Blue, it vibrated its way over to a wall, where the exhaust ignited a subterranean blaze. Above left, a firefighter probes the point of origin. Above right, the non-apparent damage to the building's foundation,

PHOTOS COURTESY ARCATA FIRE DISTRICT



ON SCENE Firefighters behind the Big Blue Café, where the fire poured out a back door.

ARCATA FIRE PHOTO



LADDER CREW Firefighters on the roof of the affected building, with fire engines and spectators on the Plaza.

ARCATA FIRE PHOTO



BLACK AND BLUE The damaged interior of Big Blue Café.

ARCATA FIRE PHOTOS

Official report details massive response to fateful Plaza fire

MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – The Arcata Fire District’s official report on the Oct. 27 Plaza fire by Arcata Fire offers a detailed look at the response to the mostly subterranean blaze.

The report, created Nov. 6 by Battalion Chief Sean Campbell, was obtained at a cost of \$10 from Arcata Fire.

Though its pages and photos are pasted with “CONTROLLED DOCUMENT” warnings stating that duplication and re-issuance is controlled by law, the department consulted with its attorney and said it could be released to the public. It is posted in its entirety at *madriverunion.com*.

Initial response

Arcata firefighters were on scene at another fire incident on Lake Avenue in Arcata when the first call came in at 4:07 p.m. It was reported as a commercial structure fire on the Plaza’s east side, with “heavy fire” coming out a back door.

Arcata Fire has been concerned for years about the Plaza’s antiquated east side structures, many of which lack firewalls, so a full and immediate response was ordered.

Arriving on scene, firefighters set up a command post, learned that the fire was “deep in the building” and asked for Arcata Police assistance in evacuating the structure.

The initial minutes were spent organizing and positioning the assets on scene and requesting more. The nearby Uniontown Shopping Center was used as a staging area for arriving personnel and equipment.

Doors were forced open to get access and ascertain the extent of the smoke and fire. Smoke had penetrated all the east side businesses except the Plaza store at Eighth and G streets, which was protected by a firewall.

Gas and electricity service to involved buildings was shut off. The fire was located and knocked down relatively quickly, and smoke was vented out of the affected spaces.

Investigation finds generator the cause

An investigation was later conducted to ascertain the fire’s origin. Along with evaluation of burn patterns and other details, Big Blue’s owner, Jeff Martin-Kunkle was interviewed.

He said that because of PG&E’s Public Safety Power

Shutoff (PSPS), which was in progress at the time, he had used a generator to power the restaurant’s refrigerators and freezers and preserve the food.

After seeing some use without incident the previous day and with the PSPS still in progress, Martin-Kunkle returned to the still-powerless Sunday morning and at 9 a.m. to start it up again. With all the fridges and freezers plugged in, he pointed the generator’s exhaust out the open back door through a metal security gate.

The generator was positioned about two feet from the stairwell that leads down to the sub-floor area. But over the course of the Sunday, according to investigators, “the vibration caused by the generator running caused it to walk away from the security screen until it came in contact with the wall that leads to the sub-floor space. Once the generator came in contact with the wall, the exhaust ignited the plywood door that sealed the sub-floor space.”

Concludes the report, “This fire is accidental in nature. All other ignition sources have been eliminated.”

Plaza fire | Businesses experience a range of impacts from fire

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located right next to Big Blue on the south side, was protected by a firewall and suffered only minor smoke damage and one lost day of sales.

Big Blue Café itself, being ground zero for the incident, is closed until further notice. Owner Jeff Martin-Kunkle said he is “still waiting on the multiple insurance inspectors,” with a comprehensive tour of the fire-ravaged restaurant to take place Dec. 3.

A GoFundMe page titled “Rebuild The Big Blue Cafe” with a fundraising goal of \$5,000 has been established to benefit the scorched eatery.

Among the hardest-hit businesses was Solutions, located on Big Blue’s north side. The fire left its extensive clothing inventory smoke-damaged an unsaleable – a huge blow to the small shop.

“Our plan is to continue to work towards resolution,” said co-owner Lisa Brown. “We are currently without services, yellow tagged and the building interior is smoke damaged. We need guidance from the building owner’s and they are waiting on insurance to get to their next steps.”

Solutions held a multi-day “Survive the Big Blue Fire” sidewalk sale with drastic discounts on everything it was legally allowed to sell.

But with 12 insurance companies involved with the affected businesses, forward progress is slow. “We are forever grateful for the community that came out and supported us,” Brown said.

“Everybody’s reeling,” said co-owner Kevin Johnson last Friday outside the darkened business. “We would love to be back open by February.”

The Stillwater Sciences watershed analysis and restoration firm located upstairs has temporarily relocated to offices on F Street, with hopes to return in February.

Eco-Groovy Deals remains open, but with much-diminished inventory in anticipation of its move across the Plaza to the spot at Eighth and H streets formerly occupied by Arcata Exchange.

Eternal Apothic, located in the former Delilah’s Hair Salon spot, remains closed. Owner Alyson Osburn is working to spread

awareness of the affected business’s plight with a Facebook page titled “Arcata Plaza Fire 2019.” She’s also designed a tote bag with sales to benefit the stricken businesses, and is coordinating its marketing with Arcata Main Street.

The Moore’s Sleep World mattress emporium remains closed. A sign on the door directs patrons to its other stores in McKinleyville, Eureka and Fortuna.

Hot knots

The Hot Knots women’s clothing store (and soon to be more than that) is something of a special case. Though closed because of the fire, co-owning sisters Andrea and Gayle Shackleton are leveraging the setback to reboot the entire operation.

Unlike most other affected stores, the Shackletons own the building that houses their shop. Located in the former offices of the *Arcata Union* newspaper at Ninth and G streets, Hot Knots had been open without power in the day of the fire due to the PSPS. But the owners thought that trying to go about business as usual was good for the Plaza retail community.

“We didn’t make a single sale, but it was the right thing to do,” Gayle said.

Being open, employees were on scene when the fire went down, and let the owners know that an incident was in progress. “The police are busting in the door, we have to get out,” a worker told them by phone. “We were lucky to know that happened.”

Smoke that traveled along the common crawlspace had traveled up from the fire scene and was seeping into the apparel on display. That triggered a massive evacuation of “batch after batch” of clothing to the business’s warehouse down at the Greenway Building.

Even as they were pulling inventory out of the building that Monday, a new shipment of 26 boxes of clothing arrive. They went straight to the warehouse and soon the store, which just celebrated its 20th anniversary, was completely empty but for fixtures.

Most of the smoke damage was in the shop’s back room, limiting damage. An insurance company loss estimate is in the works, and will include ruined clothing, building damage and loss of income.

While “obviously distraught” by the

turn of events, their spirits were lifted by a cheerful insurance adjuster who offered a positive reflection on the situation: “If this were my shop, I’d start painting and cleaning and move back in.”

And that’s just what they did, beginning the following Saturday. Family and friends have pitched in to repaint and restore the shop.

The renovation gives the Shackletons a chance to both innovate and re-do some legacy issues with the shop. Gayle said they were inexperienced when the store opened, and have had to live with some awkward situations since getting into retail and setting it all up two decades ago.

“We’re designers, and didn’t have that skill,” Gayle said. “Now we kinda know what we need.”

One new feature will be automated receipts – up until now, customers have been issued time-consuming hand receipts. In addition, the checkout counter will be relocated and new displays created.

Perhaps the most fundamental improvement is the addition of men’s clothing to the product line. More home decor will also be available.

“It’s been real barn raising and a great opportunity,” Gayle said. The new, improved Hot Knots will re-open Friday with an after-Thanksgiving sale.

The city’s issues and involvement

The City of Arcata would like to see G Street on the Plaza restored to full strength, and is doing what it can to assist.

Said City Manager Karen Diemer: “The City Building Official, Nelson Membreno, is working closely with the property owner to identify the steps needed to initiate repairs. The initial step has been to hire a structural engineer to assess the support beams under the structure where the majority of the fire was contained. This initial assessment was completed within just a couple of days which allowed portions of the building to be occupied including both Eco Groovy and Solutions.”

While concerned about sales tax losses, Diemer said the first priority is supporting the stricken businesses. “The city worked with Main Street to support the businesses by putting up a few barricades blocking off the parking spaces immediately outside the



SISTER SHOPKEEPERS Andrea and Gayle Shackleton.

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stores for them to pull inventory out and continue to sell while they make repairs and/or air out the inside space,” she said.

Asked about sales tax impacts, Diemer said, “The city will look carefully at our sales tax reports for this quarter (which we won’t receive until June 2020) to see how sales compared to October 2018. This may give us some insight as to the effects of the Power Shut down and/or the fire but our reports do not give us day to day activity.”

With regard to ongoing safety issues, Diemer said, “The city does not have safety concerns regarding the restoration of the building after the fire. However we know that on all sides of the Plaza, because of the age of the construction there are buildings that are side-by-side or connected with no firewall separating them and we will continue to work with businesses as upgrades are made to improve their fire resiliency. The city would encourage all plaza businesses to install Fire Knox Boxes for the Fire Department’s use to ensure quick access, and I am very thankful to have a staffed Fire House just off the Plaza. The location of the Fire Department, the individuals that yelled and called to notify the fire staff and quick action of AFD personal on shift that evening truly saved several businesses within this building and potentially the block.”

OPINION

❖ Sign your letter to the *Mad River Union* with a real name and a city of origin, plus a phone number (which won't be published) for identity verification and send it to opinion@madriverunion.com.

Thanks to all for patience during this trying time

The members of the Slack Family LLC wish to express their sincere gratitude to the many Humboldt County fire departments, and especially the Arcata Fire District, who responded to the fire in our Plaza building on Oct. 27.

Their hard work and diligence not only saved our building, but prevented the fire from spreading to other Plaza properties and insured that no one was injured.

In addition, we wish to thank the two citizens who first noticed the smoke coming from the building, called 911 and knocked on the fire department's door to alert them.

We appreciate the patience with which the business owners are dealing with this tremendous interruption. We are working through the required channels to get the necessary work done so that they may return to normal as soon as possible.

Sincerely,
Lisa Slack
Arcata

Don't take it out on PG&E's frontline workers

The recent power outages by PG&E have caused the line workers to be subjected to angry threats and actions from customers while inspecting lines and restoring power.

The ongoing power line problems and fires are the result of mismanagement at the corporate level, but the workers are paying the price in the field.

How soon we forget, when winter storms hit our area, who leaves their families to go out and be subjected to rain, snow and high winds, and risk their lives s we can watch our favorite TV program? It's the same workers now being subjected to customer anger.

PG&E workers are putting in long hours to inspect the power lines and restore service. Please show them some respect. Instead of anger, say thanks!

Scott Baker
McKinleyville

Climate change requires a relationship reset

It's natural to see climate catastrophe as an environmental problem: CO2, wind and rain, melting glaciers...

The environmental knowledge which drives your solution has at its roots the wisdom acquired over ten thousand years or more. Traditional Ecological Knowledge, TEK for short, values sharing life with all creatures and plants – their well-being tied-up with ours – the environmentalism of Rachel Carlson.

Some cling to technical solutions concocted by the very same forces that produced the problems they seek to address: runaway industrial growth, pollution, over-consumption, the Internet's electrical imperative.

Reducing greenhouse gases is not a technical problem. Solutions by machines, engineering, chemistry and the like just make it easier to over-consume and demand more. They don't reach the root of the imbalance driving climate catastrophe.

Manufacturing electricity for a brief 30 years at great cost (in dollars and fossil fuels), as Terra-Gen proposes, is a technical solution, sure to have unforeseen conse-

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quences, and “significant and unavoidable impacts.”

Our indigenous community speaks out against this. Wiyot are most affected, and other tribes stand solidly with them – people who successfully lived off-grid since time immemorial.

Western Industrial culture has a deadly speed addiction. We want things now - blinding us to wisdom and help from those not addicted.

The climate crisis is an opportunity to reset our relationship with each other and the Earth – requiring a leap into an uncertain future with a faith in values more fundamental than the laws of gravity we manipulated to create it.

Michael Evenson
Petrolia

Toward hunger and homelessness awareness

It is proclaimed in Humboldt County by the Board of Supervisors that National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week was recognized from Nov. 16 to 24. The purpose is to promote education, action, and awareness about hunger and homelessness. The annual event is held each year prior to Thanksgiving when most people take the time to consider what they are thankful for and donate some of their time, attention, and resources to others.

The fact is that no one should have to worry about whether they will have food on their plate or a roof over their head. But the reality is that hunger and homelessness are widespread problems that affect far too many people. People from all walks of life, including families with children, employed and unemployed workers, elderly residents, veterans, disabled individuals, youth and individuals are impacted by hunger and homelessness.

The nation, California, and Humboldt County are currently facing one of the most severe affordable housing crises in history. Not surprisingly, those living in poverty are the most significantly affected. By the 1980s, the supply of low cost housing had shrunk significantly. Since then, rents have continued to rise and lower income people in particular have experienced slow or stagnant wage growth. Many Americans are living on the edge, forced to choose between basic necessities like purchasing food, paying rent, or going to the doctor. While homelessness creates barriers to accessing essential services such as affordable housing, healthcare, childcare and education, the cost of these necessities often contribute to food insecurity and people experiencing homelessness on any given night.

As the gap between increasing costs and stagnant incomes widens, the end result is that more people become homeless. More than 49 million Americans are at risk of suffering from hunger. Hunger is a daily experience for many people in Humboldt County with more than 40 percent of low-income adults experiencing food insecurity, over 17 percent of seniors, and 28 percent of children living in poverty which more than doubles to 57 percent if the household is led by a single mother. Food for People provides food for more than 12,000 households each month. 1,704 homeless individuals have been counted by the county though this number is consid-

ered low because the Point-in-Time Count excludes people in motels, jail, couch surfers, and those they simply cannot find. Almost 1,500 students in the public schools have identified as homeless during the school year. 19.1 percent of HSU students and 11 percent of College of the Redwoods students have reported being homeless during the school year.

National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week calls attention to the plight of homelessness and hunger. We believe that safe, decent and affordable housing is a human right. The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors declared a Shelter Crisis in February 2017 and created the Housing Trust Fund and Homelessness Solutions Committee. However, little has been done to solve the problem of homelessness in Humboldt County.

Affordable Homeless Housing Alternatives and the members of our Coalition urge the Board of Supervisors to adopt recommendations of the Grand Jury to adopt a comprehensive approach to homelessness that includes both long and short term solutions and encourage all people in the community to work together to provide more meaningful solutions for these people.

Winchell Dillenbeck, AHHA boardmember
McKinleyville

Everyone was in the loop

According to the November 20, 2019 bombshell public congressional testimony of Trump's high dollar donor Gordon Sondland, the U.S. Ambassador to the European Union, “Everyone was in the loop. It was no secret.”

No kidding! Could the Trump crime family possibly be any more transparently guilty than they already are? Not possible.

Or, as CBS News' Weijia Jiang reported, “The question is: Is there a bus big enough to run over all of the people who are going down today?”

Donald Trump, Mike Pence, Mike Pompeo, Rick Perry, Mick Mulvaney, John Bolton, and Rudy Giuliani all have Ambassador Sondland's televised tire marks on their backsides. Sometimes the truth hurts, and Trump's laughable lies simply will not work.

President Trumptanic has wrecked the American ship of state on his impeachment iceberg. Benedict Donald's failed fascist regime is rapidly sinking into the depths of the Atlantic Ocean, and Trump's panicked partisan Republican passengers are running at full speed for the remaining political lifeboats.

So much crime, so little time! Traitor Trump is going down, and the big blue electoral tidal wave on the way in 2020 will send innumerable corrupt conservative politicians into forced retirement where they belong.

Right-wing Republican congressmen like Devin Nunes and Jim Jordan can incoherently yell and scream all they want about nonsense like nude Trump photos and crazy conspiracy theories they picked up straight from the Kremlin, no one cares.

At this point, Republicans have no credibility, and they have no one to blame but themselves for their deplorable duplicity. Impeach Trump. Remove Trump. And lock him up!

Sincerely,
Jake Pickering
Arcata

Trades Academy – investing in our future

The Rotary Club of Mad River and the Humboldt County Office of Education (HCOE) would like to thank those who attended and contributed to Mad River Rotary's Nov. 2 fundraiser benefiting the Trades Academy.

HCOE started the Trades Academy in response to local employers who shared that one of their biggest issues is finding skilled trades people given the previous generation reaching retirement age.

With generous support from the Workforce Investment Board and Humboldt Area Foundation, HCOE initiated a pilot program in 2018-19.

The Trades Academy is delivering Career Technical Education (CTE) to schools that do not have shops on campus by providing instruction and projects in an innovative Mobile Training Lab.

HCOE also engaged the business and construction trades' community.

To date, more than 60 “Industry Partners” have participated in the students' education, providing classrooms, real-world projects and mentoring.

With these Industry Partners, the Trades Academy is supporting all local high school CTE courses by providing advanced instruction.

HCOE is working towards putting the Trades Academy on a path to long-term sustainability, but in the interim, community support is needed.

The Rotary Club of Mad River stepped up to the challenge.

On Nov. 2:

- 70 businesses and Rotarians donated items to the live and silent auctions.
- 24 businesses, unions and Rotarians sponsored a Table.
- Eight businesses joined as Silver Hammer Sponsors (\$2,000): Danco Builders, Hooven & Co., JLF Construction, GRS/Linda Sundberg Insurance, McCullough Construction, Miller Farms, O&M Industries, and Roto Rooter/Mad River Plumbing.
- One business – Green Diamond Resource Co. – Sponsored at the Platinum Hammer level (\$5,000).
- Over 300 people attended. They had a great time, and opened their hearts and wallets.
- Rex Bohn was auctioneer extraordinaire, as he is almost every weekend somewhere in Humboldt County.
- Mad River Rotary is still tallying the numbers. But thanks to community support, the Club will be awarding somewhere between two and three times the amount we have granted in the past.

More important than the numbers above, hundreds of Humboldt County high school students will benefit from hands-on trades education. In the 2018 pilot year, the Trades Academy provided 1,200 student contacts.

Given community support and the outcomes of Mad River Rotary's fundraiser, even more student contacts will happen this year.

Mad River Rotary and HCOE offer our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for investing in our youth and their future.

Carol Rische, Mad River Rotary president
Chris Hartley
Humboldt County superintendent of schools
Jack Sheppard
Trades Academy liaison

'Tis the season to be incredibly wasteful, but here's how to change that

This is the time of year that Americans gather to enjoy family and friends, to feast, exchange gifts, and to generate a shameful amount of waste.

We throw away 25 percent more trash than usual between Thanksgiving and New Year's Eve – about a million extra tons of garbage each week.

Humboldt's holiday waste generation is consistent with this national average.

Materials are discarded from several sources during the holidays:

- *Gift-giving*: Switching from gifts of stuff to gifts of experiences, tickets to events, gift certificates, and handmade gifts will reduce waste. Travel opportunities and assistance with gardening, car repairs, and work around

the house are often valued by both giver and receiver. Make it a friendly competition to see how many years you can exchange gift wrapping paper. Reuse cloth ribbons, bags and baskets for gifts.

- *Decorations*: The fashions of decorating for holiday seasons come and go. Plastics are out now and the clever use of natural objects has become a popular way of reducing waste. Plastic glitter and particles are being replaced with small leaves and red, green, and yellow dots are created with a hole-punch and leaves. Wreath and bough-making parties are back. Sweet-smelling tree prunings and gnarly twigs

are beautiful and easy to compost after the holidays.

- *Packaging*: Shop locally. The unintended consequence of the convenience of eCommerce is that it is terrible for the environment. After the delivery truck drops off the boxes from on-line purchases, we find that many companies have thoughtlessly put a small gift in a huge box with stuffing. Consumer preferences for Zero Waste and new legislation is having an effect on wasteful manufacturers and distributors. In the meantime, make sure all that excess transport packing is reused and recycled.



❖ **ZERO WASTE HUMBOLDT**
Maggie Gainer

- *Events and Parties*: There's nothing like careful advance planning to avoid food waste. Make sure you've identified the local organizations that will accept food. Food for People at (707) 445-3166 is information central if you have food, need food, or want to volunteer. Have containers ready for guests to take home leftovers. Use large beverage urns for hot and cold drinks, growlers, kegs, and buy brands with returnable bottles to reduce single use beverage containers.
- *Holiday Travel*: It takes advance planning to reduce waste during trips. When you are planning where you will stay, scheduling your road trip routes, and reserving plane flights, plan for how you will reduce single use food and beverage containers

along the way.

Notify everyone you plan to spend the holiday season with that you intend to reduce excess and thoughtless waste this year. By sharing this goal with others, you invite them to join you in the spirit and satisfaction of celebrating without waste.

Zero Waste Humboldt invites the public to visit its office during Arcata Main Street's Arts! Arcata on Friday, Dec. 13.

We'll have music, wine, snacks, and an exhibit of Patricia Sennott's art at the Hunt Building at 839 Ninth St., between H Street on the Plaza and the Campground restaurant.

Waste reduction leader Maggie Gainer is the vice president of Zero Waste Humboldt.

HOPS IN HUMBOLDT GRANTS Hops in Humboldt distributes proceeds to a variety of Humboldt County organizations that fall within five categories; schools, youth activities, senior programs, municipal programs, and drug and alcohol prevention.

To date, Hops has granted over \$500,000 to many local groups including the Boy Scouts of America, Humboldt Senior Resource Center, Food for People, Every 15 Minutes and many, many more.

Saturday, Nov. 30, 2019 is the deadline to apply for a grant. 2019 eventgoers contributed to over \$30,000 in net profits for community grants.


If your organization falls within one of the five categories, visit Hopsinhumboldt.com, click on the grant application link and fill out the form.

Applications will be reviewed, then funds dispersed at the annual ceremony held at the Fortuna River Lodge in March. For more information, visit the website or email info@hopsinhumboldt.com.



39TH ANNUAL ARCATA ROTARY SENIOR THANKSGIVING LUNCH The Rotary Club of Arcata Noon and the Arcata High Interact Club, in collaboration with the Humboldt Senior Resource Center and the City of Arcata, hosted this annual event at the Arcata Community Center, and served approximately 191 lunches to the community. HSRC prepared and served a total of 940 meals from Fortuna to McKinleyville. In addition the Arcata Community Center, the Senior Resource Center also served lunches at senior dining centers in Eureka and Fortuna. They delivered a Thanksgiving meal to home to participants in McKinleyville, Eureka and Arcata as well as serving a Thanksgiving meal to Adult Day Health and Redwood Coast PACE participants at the day centers in Eureka. The total lunches provided included 320 lbs. of turkey, 220 lbs. of stuffing, 260 lbs. of yams, 260 lbs. of mashed potatoes, 250 lbs. of green beans, 58 lbs. of cranberry sauce, 35 gallons of gravy, and 100 pumpkin pies.

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Welcome to Kindergarten

Families of incoming TK & Kindergartners for the 2020-2021 school year are invited to attend

Kindergarten Information Night

Tuesday, December 10th
6:00-7:30pm
Dow's Prairie School Cafeteria
3940 Dow's Prairie Road

You will have the opportunity to meet staff, visit classrooms, receive informative materials, hear about the opportunities offered in our Spanish Immersion and STEAM enriched pathways, and have questions answered. We will start in the cafeteria for a short presentation and then visit classrooms. Registration packets will be available at the information night and in the school and district offices.

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TASTE OF THE HOLIDAYS Rotary Club of Arcata Sunrise's Community Foundation hosted "Taste of the Holidays" at the Arcata Community Center last Thursday. The fun, elegant and zero waste evening kicks off the holiday season. More than 30 producers of local specialty foods and wines, locally crafted beer and spirit were on hand, plus a Dutch auction and Toys For Tots. The event supports the foundation's many good works. Vendors included Cassaro's Catering, Kinetic Koffee, Cypress Grove Chevre, Los Bagels, Blackberry Bramble BBQ, Murphy's Markets, Ramones Bakery & Café, Brio Breadworks, The Kind Jerky Co., Diane's Sweet Heat, Slice of Humbolt Pie, Brett Shuler Fine Catering, Oceanside Jams, Raised Loco Fish CO., Natural Decadence, Cacao Cocoon Chocolate, Ryan Creek Roof Cellars (The Board Room), Rays Food Place, Tomaso's, The Pub, North Coast Co-op, Eureka Natural Foods, Kenny's Chocolates, Citrine Catering, Humboldt Creamery, Hot Apple Cider, Angie's Chai, Mad River Brewing Co., Humboldt Cider Company, Six Rivers, Trinity River Vineyards, Bergeron Vineyards, Fieldbrook Winery, Lost Coast Brewery, Alchemy Distillery, Jewel Distillery, Griffin, and Cavaletto Vineyard Estate.

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TREE RAISING The Grand Tree in the lobby of Jacoby's Storehouse over the weekend. The tree, decorated with candy and gingerbread houses, is the centerpiece of Arcata Main Street's Season of Wonder and Light (see details on page A3).

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Mr. Mark Ritz and Ms. Charlie Jordan of Sunny Brae enjoyed a lovely walk in the Sunny Brae Tract of the Arcata Community Forest over the weekend. The forest features many pleasant walking, biking and equestrian trails.

The Grammy Nominee

Forgive me if I veer away from Humboldt for a moment and tell you a local-boy-makes-good story. The message from my son, **Spencer Doran**, was short and to the point. “Hey I got nominated for a Grammy!” he wrote, adding a happy smile emoji with sunglasses, meaning I suppose, this is so cool.

What could a dad reply, aside from “Wow! Amazing!” with a request to “call when you can.” His job as a sound engineer in Portland has kept him busy since then, along with trying to absorb the praise that comes with the honor of entering into the ranks of Grammy nominees.

If you know anything at all about Spencer, you probably know he’s a musician. Thus you might guess that his band, **Visible Cloaks**, was nominated. Born and raised in Humboldt, he currently lives in Portland, Oregon and plays in that duo with his longtime friend **Ryan Carlile**, another former Humboldtter.

They’ve been friends since the days of the **Placebo**. But actually, Visible Cloaks was not nominated. Spencer was nominated for his work as a music scholar (and record collector). The category is “**Best Historical Album**,” for a box set (and book) titled, **Kankyō Ongaku: Japanese Ambient, Environmental & New Age Music 1980-1990**. (Music by “Various Artists.”)

Spencer got the Grammy nod alongside of his Japanese record collector friend **Yosuke Kitazawa**, who also contributed artist bios for the set. There’s also compilation producers **Matt Sullivan** (founder of Light in the Attic Records, who put the album out), and another of Spencer’s record collector circle, **Douglas McGowan** (of Yoga Records). And importantly, mastering engineer **John Baldwin**. All that said, this über-cool album is Spencer’s baby, something he’s been working on diligently for over a decade.

Incidentally, the tough “Best Historical” competition includes, the 38-CD box-set **Woodstock: Back To The Garden - The Definitive 50th Anniversary Archive**, also **Pete Seeger: The Smithsonian Folkways Collection**, a **Bobbi Gentry** collection, **The Girl From Chickasaw County - The Complete Capitol Masters**, and **The Great Comeback: Horowitz At Carnegie Hall**.

You’re probably wondering, what is “*kankyō ongaku*”? The definition is buried in the album title; the phrase translates roughly as “environmental music,” which is to say (often dismissively) as musical wallpaper, or elevator music, or by the dreaded brand name “Muzak.” Of course in Japan, it’s oh-so much cooler than that.

With *kankyō ongaku*, music is treated as part of architectural design. In an introductory essay for the book/boxset, Spencer initially traces the roots back to calming music played in the athlete’s dining room during the 1964 Tokyo Olympics, drawing on pieces by the French composer **Erik Satie**.



VISIBLE CLOAKS Spencer Doran and Ryan Carlile.
PHOTO BY JOSHUA BEAN FOR PITCHFORK

For the liner notes, he notes, “A whole new generation of Japanese musicians would find influence both in his calmly spacious piano pieces and [Satie’s] visionary (and somewhat tongue-in-cheek) concept of furniture music—a music made to intermingle with the sounds and environment of everyday life.”

We have long lived in a world where there’s background music everywhere. Some realize this and try to elevate “elevator music” to a higher level. As Spencer noted, that aesthetic was further expanded and explored in the ‘70s when British musician/deep thinker **Brian Eno** started making what he called “ambient music.” The Japanese loved Eno.

Spencer grew up in a house crammed full with records. Eno and Satie played in the background along with classic rock and various esoterica. He preferred punk rock and hip hop and such. He eventually became a record collector par excellence.

While studying at UC Santa Cruz, and sometimes spending summer with us in Arcata, he started making his own records. He had been exploring sampling since he was a kid, and somehow his refinement of that semi-hip-hop style resulted in a couple of 12” singles for **Female Fun Records**, and landed him a record contract with a Japanese label, **Easel Music**. The cover for his first album, **Puzzles**, shows the window to his garage room in Arcata next door to his grandmother, Jean.

In 2007, he traveled to Japan with **Peter “DJ Thanksgiving Brown” Agoston**, the impresario of Female Fun, who was finishing up a business degree at Humboldt State. Peter checked in with me when news of the Grammy nod (of course he “LOVES” the project). He noted, “You know some of these songs/albums used were originally bought by Spencer when I brought him out to Japan for his first time for our tour around the Puzzles album.”

Of course his first trip to the mysterious East included some serious crate-digging. Spence was particularly interested in offshoots of the famous **Yellow Magic Orchestra**, a Tokyo-based electronic music band led by **Haruomi Hosono** and **Ryuichi Sakamoto**. Being an ace crate-digger, a scholar and an experienced networker, Spencer eventually became known as an expert when it came to Japanese electronica.

After graduating from UCSC (with a degree in philosophy, not music) he relocated to Portland. In 2010, the PDX label **Root Strata** asked him to assemble a mixtape for a free download. **Fairlights, Mallets and Bamboo- Fourth-world Japan, years 1980-1986** was very successful. (The “Fourth-world” reference came from

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Return to Oz

DELL'ARTE COMPANY
HUMBOLDT — The Dell'Arte Company’s annual holiday show tour, now in its 39th year, ushers in the festive season with *Return to Oz*, an adaptation of L. Frank Baum’s original world of Oz trilogy.

A few years after her first visit, Dorothy returns to Oz to discover that the land she loves is in ruins. Dorothy must harness her wits, courage and the power of imagination to thwart the unstoppable Nome King, who now wears the “red ruby slippers.”

Accompanied by her old friend the Scarecrow and Billina, a sassy chicken, the friends embark on an adventure to save the Tin Man, the Lion and all that is beautiful in Oz... before it is too late. This is a timeless tale of friendship, adventure and personal empowerment.

The Dell'Arte Company’s adaptation of *Return to Oz* is directed by its Producing Artistic Director, Michael Fields, and performed by an international cast of performers. It includes Dell'Arte’s trademark physical performance style as well as original music.

Return to Oz will begin its run in the Carlo Theatre at Dell'Arte on Friday, Nov. 29 and Saturday, Nov. 30 at 7:30 p.m., then tours through the North Coast before returning to Dell'Arte for encore performances Dec. 19 to 22.

Keeping with tradition, admission for most performances is free thanks to the generous support of the California Arts Council, Stephany Joy of Re/Max Humboldt Realty, Pierson Building Center, Coast Central Credit Union, and Wildberries; as well as, The James Irvine Foundation. Audience members are asked to contribute non-perishable food items, which the cast collects and donates to local food banks in collaboration with Food for People.

Dell'Arte strives to make professional, family, holiday entertainment available to both rural and urban communities that rarely see live theatre. Venues range from large, lofty theatres to elementary school cafeterias. The Dell'Arte Holiday Show reaches approximately 5,000 – 8,000 people each year, including many school-age children.



WE'RE NOT IN KANSAS ANYMORE Dell 'Arte stages *Return to Oz* for its annual holiday show

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FRIDAY, NOV. 29 & SATURDAY, NOV. 30

- ❖ **Time:** 7:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Location:** Dell' Arte International Carlo Theater, 131 H St. in Blue Lake
SUNDAY, DEC. 1
❖ **Time:** 2 p.m.
- ❖ **Location:** Dell' Arte International Carlo Theater, 131 H St. in Blue Lake
TUESDAY, DEC. 3
❖ **Time:** 1:15 p.m. & 7 p.m.
- ❖ **Location:** Winema Theatre, 116 Main St. ,Scotia
SATURDAY, DEC. 7
❖ **Time:** 7:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Location:** Eureka Theatre, 612 F St. , Eureka
SUNDAY, DEC. 8
❖ **Time:** 7 p.m.
- ❖ **Location:** Lorna Byrne Middle School, 102 S Junction Ave, Cave Junction, Oregon
MONDAY, DEC. 9
❖ **Time:** 11:30 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Location:** Crescent Elk Auditorium, 994 G St., Crescent City
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11
❖ **Time:** 5 p.m.
- ❖ **Location:** Orick School, 120918 U.S. Highway 101, Orick,
SATURDAY, DEC. 14
❖ **Time:** 7 p.m.
- ❖ **Location:** Trinidad School, 300 Trinity St., Trinidad
SUNDAY, DEC. 15
❖ **Time:** 3 p.m.
- ❖ **Location:** Yurok Tribal Headquarters, 190 Klamath Blvd., Klamath,
MONDAY, DEC. 16
❖ **Time:** 10:30 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Location:** John Van Duzer Theatre, Humboldt State
THURSDAY, DEC. 19
❖ **Time:** 7:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Location:** Dell' Arte International Carlo Theater, 131 H St. in Blue Lake
FRIDAY, DEC. 20
❖ **Time:** 10 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Location:** Dell' Arte International Carlo Theater, 131 H St. in Blue Lake
SATURDAY, DEC. 21
❖ **Time:** 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Location:** Dell' Arte International Carlo Theater, 131 H St. in Blue Lake
SATURDAY, DEC. 22
❖ **Time:** 2 p.m.
- ❖ **Location:** Dell' Arte International Carlo Theater, 131 H St. in Blue Lake

Electric Vehicle Parade & Expo Saturday

ELECTRIC VEHICLE PARADE AND EXPO
BLUE LAKE — Inaugural Holiday Electric Vehicle Parade and Expo takes place starting at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30 in Blue Lake.

The purpose of the expo and parade is to help normalize electric vehicles and present them in an informative and fun manner.

Transportation is the largest contributor to greenhouse gases and poor air quality.

“There’s a pertinent need to transition to zero carbon emissions transportation options that are better for public health and the environment,” said Stephen Kullmann, Blue Lake Rancheria Resiliency Director One of the greatest barriers to make the transition, is consumer’s unfamiliarity



ELECTRIC PARADE An electric car is decorated for the parade, which begins at 5:30 p.m. this Saturday. The expo begins at 1 p.m.

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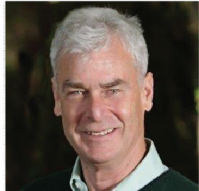
with electric vehicles.

To help spread awareness about clean transportation options and

incentives available, the Blue Lake Rancheria, Redwood Coast Energy Authority, and the City of Blue Lake are holding the inaugural Electric Vehicle Parade and Expo.

“The purpose of the expo and parade is to help normalize electric vehicles and present them in an informative and fun manner. I have always enjoyed the traditions of Humboldt’s Truckers Parade and Tractor Parade, and thought an Electric Vehicle Parade would be a great addition to these holiday traditions,” Kullmann said.

The Electric Transportation Expo will be held in the Sapphire Palace and parking lot at the Blue Lake Casino and Hotel, where there will be demos,
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Happenings in Blue Lake

Tis the season! Blue Lake is bustling with seasonal activities already. Mark your calendars for these awesome events.

The annual Blue Lake Museum craft fair will be on Saturday, Nov. 30 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Mad River Grange. There will also be food and drinks available for all those who are out and about that day. Come on down and get a jump start on those holiday gifts.

And don't forget the Electric Vehicle Parade and Expo at the Blue Lake Rancheria! Do you have an electric vehicle? Car, bike, scooter? Decorate it and participate in the special lighted parade for electric vehicles only! The parade will start at 5:30 p.m. and there is the expo before that at 1 p.m. at the Sapphire Palace!

And new this year, a special Holiday Craft Fair at Prash Hall (aka the Blue Lake Roller Rink) on Saturday, Dec. 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This is a free event for the public, and only \$20 to set up a table. Vendor space still available. If you are interested in participating, you can contact Elaine at Blue Chair Press by email at bluechairpress@gmail.com.

Keep your eyes out for the holiday tree lighting and other fun events to take place this year!



Holiday Fair in Westhaven

MAD RIVER UNION

WESTHAVEN – On Saturday, Nov. 30 the Westhaven Volunteer Fire Department will host a Holiday Fair and live tree sale fundraiser. The event will be held at the Westhaven Fire Hall on 6th Avenue from noon to 4 p.m.

Stop by the Westhaven Fire Hall for live holiday trees, mystery fruit trees and holiday ginger plants. The Holiday Fair will feature quality Christmas supplies, handcrafted wreaths by Moonstone In Bloom and baked goods by Rabia. Enjoy Christmas music, libations and refreshments while you shop.

Proceeds from this event benefit the Westhaven Volunteer Fire Department.

Live trees

What better way to celebrate the holidays than to buy a live Christmas tree from your local fire department? After the New Year, you can plant the tree or just nurture it in a big container for next year.

Volunteers for the Westhaven Fire Department have nurtured these trees all year, encouraging them to grow from what looked like Charlie Brown's spindly little bush into ornament-worthy trees.

Come by the fire hall at 446 Sixth Avenue on Saturday, Nov. 30 to pick out your tree.

The all-volunteer Westhaven Volunteer Fire Department covers over 800 properties, responds to car accident calls along the 101 corridor, and is often first on the scene of medical calls for residents in the Westhaven area.

ROCK 'N' ROLL Anna Hamilton performs blues and rock and roll Friday, Nov. 29 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Six Rivers Brewery, 1300 Central Ave. in McKinleyville. Also at the brewery, every Sunday is Trivia Night starting at 8 p.m.

DANCE PARTY The Humboldt Folk Dancers invite the public to a live music, World Dance Party, Friday, Dec. 6 from 8 to 11 p.m. at the Redwood Raks World Dance Studio, 824 L St., in the Creamery District in Arcata. The event features easy dances and an evening of world music with international bands. All ages and dance levels are welcome. (707) 496-6734, humboldtfolkdancers.org

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THEATRE NIGHT GALA Soroptimist International of Arcata invites the public to its annual Theatre Night gala, Friday, Dec. 6 at the Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. in Arcata. This year Arcata Playhouse presents *Scout's Honor: The Whichever Scouts vs. The Energy Monster* a holiday musical with special local guest performers. The performance starts at 7:30 p.m. A complimentary reception with appetizers, desserts and beverages starts at 7 p.m. for theatre goers. There will also be a raffle and auction gifts. Tickets can be purchased for \$15 at Wildberries Marketplace, at the door, or from any Soroptimist club member. Proceeds are used for Soroptimist's community service projects. For more information, please contact Elena David at (707) 822-3579 or (707) 496-1628.

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Blessing of the Fleet & an anniversary celebration

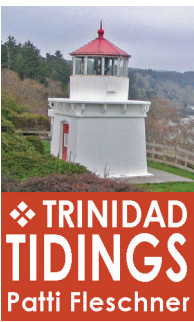
The annual Blessing of the Fleet will take place, rain or sunshine, at the Trinidad Bay Memorial Park at Edwards and Trinity streets overlooking Trinidad Bay on Thanksgiving morning at 10 a.m.

Expressions and tokens of gratitude, blessings and well wishes will be given to the captains and crews of Trinidad's commercial fishing fleet. Susan Rotwein and other wives and friends of the fishing community prepare for the event.

All of the community is invited to gather in gratitude for the fishermen, who remain at the heart of Trinidad, and for blessings for the abundance from the sea that we all share.

Anniversary Celebration

All are welcome at the 7th Anniversary Celebration of Trinidad Art Gallery on Saturday, Nov. 30, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the gallery on Trinity at Parker



streets. Howdy Emerson will play his harp and champagne will be served by Trinidad Coastal Land Trust.

Ecoprint artist Patty Demant and jeweler Drew Forsell are the featured artists. Demant prints fabric using bundled eucalyptus, alder, maple, oak, and black walnut leaves. Forsell incorporates silver, gold, brass and copper and stones into his intricate jewelry pieces featuring sea dragons, berries, and leaves.

Kathrin Burleson's art

During November and December Trinidad artist Kathrin Burleson is donating 50 percent of all of her recent Print Gallery art work sales to Eureka Rescue Mission. See her work at her Christmas Holiday Open House on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 1828 Patrick's Point Dr. For details call (707) 677-0490

Coming in December

Trinidad Civic Club Christmas Tea on Thursday, Dec. 5 at 11:30 a.m. in

the Town Hall. Members and guests cordially invited.

Trinidad Head Lighthouse open for pedestrian tours on Saturday, Dec.7 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Westhaven Center for the Arts Talking Circle on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 4 to 7 p.m. with Ojibwe medicine man Clarence. This is a potluck with a \$15 to \$30 suggested donation.

Westhaven Center for the Arts Sound Healing takes place on Sunday, Dec. 8 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.. There is a \$15 to \$30 suggested donation.

Trinidad Coastal Land Trust Annual Meeting is on Sunday, Dec. 8 from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Simmons Gallery behind Trinidad Library.

The 7th Annual Holidays in Trinidad is on Sunday, Dec. 15 with special events, including crafts fairs and meeting Santa. Visit the Town Hall, Trinidad School, Trinidad Museum, Trinidad Art Gallery and businesses and venues all over Trinidad.

Email Patti at baycity@sonic.net.

McKinleyville Senior Center closed for holiday

The McKinleyville Senior Center is closed for the holiday from Tuesday, Nov 26 to Thursday, Nov. 28, and opens again on Friday, Nov 29.

Our schedule of activities and classes is erratic due to holidays and Azalea Hall rental activities. Our exercise and yoga classes are held in the Hewitt Room and when rented, our classes are cancelled or

moved.

Call your instructor or the center (707) 839-0191 to check the schedule.

Monday, Dec 9 is our casual, holiday season luncheon for seniors with music and great food. We will meet in the hallway and in the Senior Room as the Hewitt room is rented.



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It will be a tight squeeze, but come and enjoy the Pacific Union Singers, Morris School Christmas decorations, good food and great company.

And wherever you are this holiday week, think of family, friends, holidays past and present and enjoy the coming season!

Call the desk at the center (707) 839-0191 or Patti at (707) 845-2817 for information and suggestions or to join our group of storytellers. Hats off the *Mad River Union*, our weekly news source. A subscription is a perfect holiday gift for someone you love!

Roly-poly good times with Moose & Hippo

Who could resist a couple of puppies named Moose and Hippo? These sturdy youngsters are about three months old and have some sort of large breed in their heritage.

They are gentle, happy fellows who are happy to play with each other in the yard, meet new friends of either the human or canine variety or just chase a ball around.

Volunteers have commented on how good they are on leashes, especially considering how young



they are. The two can be walked together by one volunteer. Walking more than one puppy at a time can result in crossed leashes or a serious tripping hazard, but not with these boys!

If you are looking for an easy-going youngster to add to your household, come by the shelter and meet these two. There are currently half a dozen puppies at the shelter that are six months or younger, including these brothers, and several more that are 9 to 10 months old.

They are all available through the Humboldt County Animal Shelter, located at 980 Lycoming Ave. in McKinleyville. More in-



formation can be found at petharbor.com or by calling (707) 840-9132. All cats and dogs that are adopted through the shelter are spayed or neutered, microchipped and current on their vaccinations.

This seems like a good time to remind everyone to get their dogs spayed and neutered, if they are not already. There are a variety of organizations that offer vouchers or discounts on spay and neuter services.

You can ask your veterinarian or send us an email at redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com for more information.

Another item to note is that the parvovirus has turned up in the area recently. If you already have a puppy, please be sure and keep him or her current on their vaccinations.

My veterinarian recommends no public area outings until two weeks after the second DHPP vaccina-

tion to be safe. Redwood Pals has been active in vaccinating homeless dogs and puppies, with close to 100 vaccinations done in the last year!

On a lighter note, the shelter's Holiday Open House is coming up quick! Save the date of Saturday, Dec. 14 for this annual event featuring shelter tours, refreshments, a fabulous selection of raffle and silent auction items, and lots more, including some canine Smooch Booth activity!

All proceeds benefit the Emergency Medical Fund (EMF) which helps cats and dogs who need extra veterinary care for injuries or illness. Donations of goods and services for the raffles and auctions are still gratefully being accepted; please stop by the shelter or call (707) 840-9132 to donate. The EMF is a non-profit and donations are tax-deductible.

Wesleyan Church of the Redwoods

Pastor Chuck Clark

Coffee/fellowship at 10 a.m.

Traditional worship at 10:30 a.m.

Bible Study 7 p.m. Wednesday (Sept. through May)

839-2625
1645 Fischer Rd., McKinleyville

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an album by Eno associate **Jon Hassell**, a jazz/new age trumpet player.) That spawned a “Part Two,” and later a collection Spencer titled **“Music Interiors.”**

Somewhere along the line he developed a relationship with **Light in the Attic**, a Seattle label specializing in often esoteric reissues. **Kankyō Ongaku** was green-lighted, but not that easy to put together. Spencer had to become conversant in the complexities of licensing law, here and in Japan, and some artists he would have liked to include on his perfect collection, well, let’s just say the rules got in the way. Nevertheless, the end result is more than superb, of course I’m prejudiced, but the Grammy nomination says I’m not the only one who feels that way.

I think some of the coolest things that came from the Kankyō project are the connections that it spawned. Spencer has created his own Light In The Attic sub-label, **Empire of Signs**, working with a friend/partner, **Maxwell August Croy** from **Root Strata**. They’ve released records by **Hiroshi Yoshimura (Music for Nine Post Cards)**, **Inoyama Land (Commissions: 1977-2000)** and **Masahiro Sugaya (Horizon, Vol. 1)**, all of them artists who were also on Kankyō Ongaku.

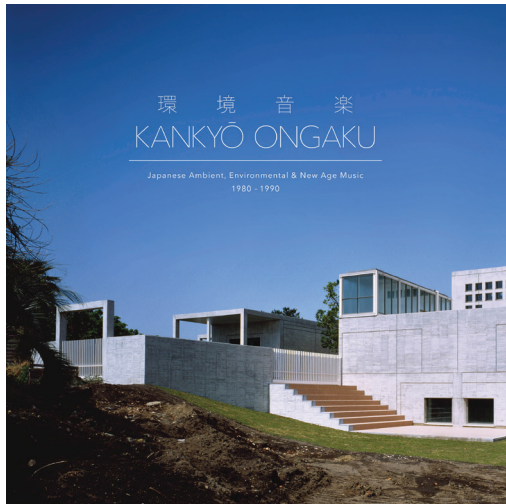
Meanwhile, Spencer and his Visible

Cloaks partner, Ryan Carlisle, have developed a relationship with Yoshio Ojima and the pianist Satsuki Shibano. Spencer met them through writing the book/album/liner notes.

As he explained in an (excellent) interview for the blog **Aquarium Drunkard**, Yoshio was emblematic of “environmental” music. He explained, “The piece he did that’s on the comp was this environmental music/sound design for this post-modern building called The Spiral, which is in this big shopping district in Aoyama in western Tokyo. That building’s still there and they still play his music in there.” And Satsuki, well, one of her specialties is Satie’s music.

The makeshift quartet recorded an album together, **serenitatem**, for the NYC-based RVNG Intl. It’s the 15th installment in a series called FRKWYS that pairs musicians for “intergenerational” projects.

After trading music across the Pacific, Visible Cloaks, Yoshio and Satsuki toured Japan this summer then followed up with a fall European tour, where they focused on major festivals like Le Guess Who? in the Netherlands, with Spence DJing along the way, spinning music from his international music collection. I wish I could tell you they’re coming to Arcata to play, but alas, the Grammy nominee probably has bigger fish to fry.



ALBUM COVER showing Iwasaki Art Museum building designed by Fumihi-ko Maki. PHOTO BY THE LATE OSAMU MURAI COURTESY OF KUMI AND TERUKO MURAI

What’s going on this Thanksgiving weekend? It’s mostly quiet with the students gone home to visit their ‘rents. Of course the Xmas holidays are officially here, and I traditionally celebrate **Buy Nothing Day** the day after Turkey Day.

The peeps at **Outer Space** suggest, “While Black Friday is traditionally a time when folks are throwing their money at big corporations, we want to encourage you to support those in your community! Because community > corporations!” They’re celebrating with a **Black Friday Swap Meet**,

welcoming assorters, crafty vendors and tablers. Join them. Set up a table at 5:30 p.m. Sell, meet and greet 6 to 9 p.m.

At the Logger Bar, **Black Friday, Tia Martini and Leon Elam, aka The Pickin’ Pear** from Colorado play “folk ‘n’ roll” on banjo and ukulele from 9 p.m. on.

Saturday, Nov. 30, it’s **Soul Party** time at Humbrews with “jive turkeys” **DJ Red, #jaymorg** and **Funky T-Rex**, as always spinning rad vinyl.

December is here Sunday and at Ram-pArt Skatepark, **DisBeatCrasher** presents another evening of metal with **Gatecreeper** from Arizona (death metal), **Exhumed** from San Jose (gore metal), **Necrot** from Oakland (death metal punk) and **Judiciary** here from West Texas (hardcore). Doors at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2, the beat goes on at Outer Space, with **Lisa Prank**, searching for the **Perfect Love Song** (he new album) on a tour with Canadian songwriter **Rose Melberg**, with saxophone art-punks from East Hollywood **French Vanilla**, and our own **Monster Women**.

And meanwhile Monday at the Van Duzer, CenterArts presents the 12-piece mini-orchestra **Pink Martini**, “with an eclectic setlist featuring songs sung in French, Croatian, Japanese, Spanish, Portuguese, and Italian. Note that showtime is earlier than usual: 7 p.m.

That’s all for now. Hope you didn’t mind my bragging. Thanks for reading this far...

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STATEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL FROM PARTNERSHIP

OPERATING UNDER A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
R-1500459

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME OF PARTNERSHIP: ROOT & BONES
1528 M ST. APT. #3
ARCATA, CA 95521
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
FILED IN HUMBOLDT COUNTY ON: AUG. 4, 2015
FILE NO: 15-00459
NAME OF PERSON WITHDRAWING: MALCOM DESOTO
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ARCATA, CA 95521

S/MALCOM DESOTO OWNER

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COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
ALEXIA A. HARDY
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BIG LEAF RANCH
30 DEAN CREEK RD.
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1271 EVERGREEN RD. STE. 531
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THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY:

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infrastructure on a vacant 1.8 acre parcel. The project proposes bus stop improvements at the Arcata Skate Park. Improvements to an off-site wetland mitigation area at Shay Park is proposed for impacts to on-site wetlands. As traffic-transportation mitigation, a Development Agreement is considered for the project’s proportional share of traffic improvement fees to fund future improvements at Foster Avenue/Alliance Road and Sunset Avenue/US 101 North/LK Wood Boulevard intersections. The Planning Commission will make project recommendations to the City Council for their final action. Additional public hearings before the Planning Commission and City Council are required prior to taking final action.

Application Type: Planned Development Permit and Design Review Permit.

Applicant and Property Owner: Open Door Community Health Centers

Date of application: June 7, 2019

File Number: 189-068-PDP-DR

Zoning: Public Facility with Planned Development and Wetland Protection Combining Zones (PF: PD; WPA)

General Plan: Public Facility (PF)

Coastal Zone: Not located in the Coastal Zone.

Significant Impacts: The Draft EIR identifies significant impacts to the following California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) environmental issue areas: transportation-traffic, and wetland (biological). As described in the DEIR, many of these impacts can be fully mitigated, but the traffic-transportation impacts cannot and they would remain significant and unavoidable.

Document Availability: The Draft EIR and other project materials are now available for review and download on the City of Arcata website at www.cityofarcata.org under Major Development Projects “Open Door”. Printed copies of the documents are available for public review at the following locations during normal business hours:

- Arcata City Hall, 736 F Street, Arcata, California
- Arcata Public Library, 500 7th Street, Arcata, California
- Humboldt State University Library – Humboldt Room, Arcata, California

Public Review Period for the Draft EIR: The review period set by the Arcata Community Development Department for review of the Draft EIR is 45 days.

Starting Date: November 26, 2019

Ending Date: January 13, 2020

Draft EIR Public Hearing: A public hearing is scheduled for the Arcata Planning Commission meeting on December 10, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to solicit input and comments from public agencies and the general public on the Draft EIR for the Arcata Community Health Center (Open Door) Project. This hearing will be held at the City Council Chambers at Arcata City Hall, located at 736 F Street, Arcata, CA 95521.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Planning Commission will consider public comment, and the entire public record on the project, prior to making any decision. All interested persons are encouraged to attend the hearing, which



Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report and Notice of Public Hearing to Provide Comments on the Draft EIR

The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) (SCH#2019080313) for the Arcata Community Health Center (Open Door) Project is now available for review. Public comment on this document is invited for a 45-day period extending from November 26, 2019, through January 13, 2020. More information is provided below.

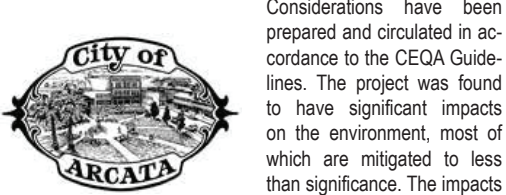
Project Location: 1.8 acre vacant parcel west of Sunset and Foster Avenue roundabout. Latitude: 40.87975; Longitude: -124.08595; Section 29 T6N, R1E. Assessor’s Parcel Number: 505-121-031. Off-site improvements, including wetland mitigation, trail/path, bus stop and proportional share of street improvements at Foster Avenue/Alliance Road and Sunset Avenue/US 101 North/LK Wood Boulevard intersections will occur on parcels: 505-131-016; 505-131-019; 505-051-025; and public rights of way.

Project Description: Development and operation of a new 34,000 square foot, two story, health center with associated parking, lighting, signs, sidewalks and utility

This ordinance establishes mobilehome park exclusive zoning on several existing mobilehome park parcels in the City.

The full text of Ordinance No. 1521 is available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk, Arcata City Hall, 736 F Street, Arcata, California, Monday through Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The ordinance will take effect December 20, 2019, BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARCATA. Dated: November 20, 2019.

Bridget Dory, City Clerk, City of Arcata
11/27/19



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF ARCATA CITY COUNCIL

December 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 736 F Street.

Project Description: The City Council will consider approval of the Creekside Homes project, including adoption of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and a Statement of Overriding Considerations. The project consists of the development of 32 single-family residences, a 100-unit senior assisted living and memory care facility, and 25 senior-restricted neighborhood cottage units; collectively referred to as the Creekside Homes project. The project proposed by Danco Communities involves incorporating new land into the City from the County and extending services to the newly created parcels. The project site is inside of the City’s anticipated annexation area and was analyzed as a likely annexation in the General Plan in 2000. Project related improvements include the extension of Foster Avenue, modifications to the Janes Creek crossing at Foster Avenue, a number of trail and alternative transportation improvements, and a range of housing types. The project also includes improvements to Ennes Park necessary to install emergency ingress to the project. Ennes Park and segments of other lands in the County necessary to implement the project are also proposed for annexation. The Final EIR includes analysis of the project, mitigations, a mitigation and monitoring plan, and public comments received on the project.

This project and the Final EIR were reviewed and recommended for Council approval at the November 12, 2019, Planning Commission hearing.

Application Type: Annexation, a General Plan Amendment, a Zoning Amendment, a Minor Subdivision, a Planned Development Permit, and a Development Agreement.

Location: various, including lands at and around 2000 Foster Avenue, Unincorporated Humboldt County (Lat/Long -124.095, 40.822), as well as APNs 505-151-001, 505-151-005, 505-151-009, 505-161-009, 505-161-030, 505-162-010, 505-284-009, 505-284-010, and 505-341-048.

Assessor Parcel Number: 505-161-011, 505-151-001, 505-151-005, 505-151-009,



NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CITY OF ARCATA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Historic Landmark Designation and associated historic property incentives at 974 10th St., Arcata; File # 189-066-H. The project is scheduled for a public hearing of the Arcata Planning Commission on December 10, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., in the Arcata City Council Chambers, at 736 F Street, Arcata.

Project: The applicant seeks a Historic Landmark Designation and associated incentives for the rehabilita-

tion of the “Chapman House” at 974 10th Street. The property is currently listed on the National register of Historic Places but does not yet have a local historic designation. The City of Arcata Historic Landmarks Committee has recommended approval of the landmark designation. Requested incentives include: a Mills Act Agreement; expansion of allowed uses including commercial/office use types; and waivers of eligible planning/building permit fees related to rehabilitation of the property’s character-defining features.

Location: 974 10th Street

Assessor’s Parcel Number: 021-143-015

Property Owner: Scott and Sandra Hunt

Applicant: Same as Owner

Date of application: May 29, 2019

File Number: 189-066-H

Zoning/General Plan: Residential Low Density (R-L)

Coastal Zone: The project is not located in the Coastal Zone.

Environmental: Project is exempt from environmental review per California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Class 1 Categorical Exemption §15301, (Existing Facilities) and Class 31 Categorical Exemption §15331, (Historical Resource Restoration/Rehabilitation)

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the information regarding the proposed project and environmental determination may be reviewed at the Community Development Department at Arcata City Hall, 736 F Street, Arcata on weekdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., or by phone: 707-825-2139. Contact person: Delo Freitas, Senior Planner.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this action is appealable. In compliance with §97.6.030 of the City’s Land Use Code, any aggrieved person who, in person, in writing, or by representative, informed the City of their concerns at or before the hearing or decision may appeal a final action by the review authority. Appeals must be filed within 10 business days following the date of the action by filing an appeal, along with the applicable fee.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that, pursuant to §1094.5 of the California Code of Civil Procedure, “If you challenge City action on a proposed project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the hearing body at, or prior to, the public hearing(s).”

Mailed, published, and posted no later than: Friday, December 6, 2019
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Request for Proposals for ATP Non-Infrastructure Services

City of Trinidad is requesting proposals (RFP) from qualified firms or individuals to provide Active Transportation Program Non-Infrastructure services. The Trinidad Bicycle & Pedestrian Education Program will be funded by a Caltrans Active Transportation Program grant. The Trinidad Bicycle and Pedestrian Education Program will encourage Trinidad community members to use active modes of transportation and educate them about bicycle and pedestrian safety. The RFP is posted on

the City of Trinidad website at: <http://trinidad.ca.gov>. To be considered, five (5) copies of a proposal must be received by the City of Trinidad, PO Box 390, Trinidad, CA 95570 prior to the RFP submission deadline of 2:00 p.m. December 6, 2019.

ARCATA SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Arcata Elementary School District Board of Education will hold a public hearing and take action on:

(1) Whether to submit a General Waiver Request to the State Board of Education to waive Education Code Section 5019 and any other appropriate statutes. This Education Code Section requires that the County Committee call for an election to effectuate the creation of trustee-area voting districts. Waiving this election requirement eliminates the cost of an election; and

(2) Whether to transition the District to trustee-area voting, and establish trustee-area voting districts pursuant to Education Code Section 5019 and Elections Code Section 10010.

This hearing will be held **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2019** at 5:30 p.m. at the Sunny Brae Middle School Library (1430 Buttermilk Lane, Arcata, CA 95521).

To request information or clarification on the public hearing, please contact Jen DaParma, Administrative Assistant, at the Arcata Elementary School District, 1435 Buttermilk Lane, Arcata, CA 95521. Phone: (707) 822-0351, extension 4.
11/27

ARCATA SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE

A vacancy on the Board of Trustees of the Arcata School District has occurred effective October 6, 2019.

Pursuant to Education Code sections 5091 and 5328, the Board of Trustees of the Arcata School District intends to appoint a qualified person to the Board. Qualifications include being at least 18 years of age, a resident of the Arcata School District, a citizen of California, and a registered voter. Persons interested in applying for the position may obtain an application online at arcataschoolsdistrict.org, or by calling or writing to Superintendent Luke Biesecker at (707) 822-0351, ext. 4, 1435 Buttermilk Lane, Arcata CA 95521.

Completed applications must be received in the District Office no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, January 17, 2020. The current members of the Board of Trustees will interview applicants in open session at a meeting on Monday, February 10, 2020.

Persons desiring to submit questions for the Board’s consideration in connection with the interview process may submit suggested questions in writing to the District Office by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, January 17, 2020.
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OBITUARY

H. Steven Dockter, 1948 – 2019

Sunset and evening star
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no
moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea...
– Alfred Lord Tennyson

This tells of the one you want at the helm, when crossing that bar, or belaying the rope when scaling that peak.

Born Sept. 7, 1948 in Redlands, California to Marjorie and Harold “Doc” Dockter, Steve Dockter was raised in Cutton on the outskirts of Eureka. A happy and rule-less youth was spent running through the wilds of Humboldt County’s redwood forests, cold spray on Pacific beaches, basking in the warmth of its six rivers with his brothers Gary and Bruce.

Graduation from Eureka High School in 1966 began the adventure in earnest! A relentless determination to reach the summit of every mountain peak over the height of 10,000 feet in the Western United States; Shelter Cove’s pounding surf and tight-knit, beer-fueled comradery of his beloved North Swell Surfing Association (NSSA); singing on the stage; sailing; fishing; devouring books; studying quirks of human nature; an embrace of life lived to the fullest, unfaltering, until Nov. 1, 2019.

His extended education at Humboldt State College, and the Goethe Institute in Rothenburg ob der Tauber, Germany, added an academic layer of polish to his autodidact nature. From his machinist father he learned



to dissect engines and became a trusted judge and fixer of all things mechanical. From his schoolteacher mother he learned to read voraciously, everything. Herodotus to Cormac McCarthy and Margaret Atwood, Nietzsche to Bernard DeVoto and Zane Grey, in dog-eared axle-greased, water-logged paperbacks in mountaineering tents, under trees, shipboard.

In 1970, Steve settled into a huge Army surplus tent pitched inside WACO – an old Eureka warehouse full of artists and miscreants. He was a natural mentor, guide, friend, storyteller, and muse. He went to sea and became a hero when the crab boat was capsized by a rogue wave on Christmas Eve 1972 – saving his younger brother Gary, his friend Pete, and their skipper Dave – a monumental exertion chronicled in books *Night Crossings* and *LADY-FAME*; or, *The Fluke*.

No man, ever, not Odysseus, not Melville, not even Ishmael, no man was ever

more a man of the sea than Steve Dockter. He knew every saltwater anchorage, every hazard, every sea story from La Paz to Seattle.

It was at this same point, in the warmth of a Chico summer, in the sun-dappled, big oak woods of Robin Hood movie fame that he met his match, his soulmate Jan Perrone. Now the thing with soulmates is that it’s not always bliss and rainbows, but they are always connected and were able to remain the best of friends. From that love came their daughter Jesse. They infused her with their unique strengths, copious skills, determination and predilection for adventure.

For the last twenty years or so, Steve lived a perfected life. From May to November he worked construction projects in Northern California – bouncing from home to home amongst many fortunate clients who loved to work with him, then savor his stories at the dinner table. When geese were seen flying south with the first frost, we knew he’d begun the long drive to La Paz; stopping to visit friends along the route – spreading the news and tales from his spring, summer, autumn up north. His winters were spent sailing, fishing, exploring the Sea of Cortez – his boat his house; welcoming visitors from the North, treating them to an

unforgettable time. When Mexico grew too hot and the geese flew north, friends would ask Is Steve back in Humboldt? Is Dockter coming to the Cove? On his way home, he’d regale us with tales of Mexico and remarkable videos of adventures on those warm blue waters.

Mesmerized by Mount Shasta, Steve bought a parcel of land and built a high-desert captain’s cabin for himself.

Next, he built a cabin with his youngest brother Bruce on the adjacent parcel. Steve guided many friends on climbs. Handsome, tall, brown from the sun no matter the season, eyes twinkling he’d trick the tired climbers, “It’s just around the next bend,” again and again, in his rich baritone, until the summit was reached.

For the last five years since Jan became a saint, Steve spent the majority of his time with Jesse and her daughters Daphne and Maia the lights of his life, his torchbearers. They sailed together in La Paz, played with their dog Poppy in the rivers and forests and mountains, rigged up improbable rope swings and threw parties around the home campfire. He taught them what he knew and what he dreamt. What time they had together, was full and unfaltering. Daphne and Maia already embody

their grandfather’s loyalty, strength, determination and predilection for adventure.

Steve’s step into the infinite was preceded by his former wife, Jan Perrone, his parents, and a life-changing young friend, Ian Mackey. He is survived by his daughter Jesse; his granddaughters Daphne and Maia; his brothers Bruce and Gary (Sharon); sister-in-law Tricia Atwood and the entire Perrone family.

His passing was swift and hundreds of broken-hearts flounder in his wake. His family, his friends, his acolytes, those whose lives he touched, made richer just by knowing him, the many he loved, must learn to stay connected with each other.

A gathering is planned for Spring 2020, when, under better circumstances, Steve would have returned to all of us from his southern sojourn. Join us at The Eureka Theater, 612 F Street, Eureka California, May 24, 2020, Sunday, noon until 4 p.m.

In the meantime, channel Steve – spontaneously stop by to visit someone you’ve been thinking about and let the stories flow.

If inspired, you may send photos, stories, songs about Steve and his Dockterisms to peter@santino.tv to be shared at the gathering.

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST The McKinleyville Lions Club is currently searching for students in the 9th to 12th grades who are interested in participating in the California Lions’ 83rd Annual Student Speakers Contest. The topic is “Homelessness in California; What is the solution?” Speeches are to be five to 10 minutes in length. This is a six-level speech contest with the possibility of cash prizes totaling \$500 and scholarships totaling \$21,000. The McKinleyville club level contests will be held on Saturday, Feb. 8 at 2 p.m. Deadline to sign up is Friday, Jan. 24. To view the handbook, you may visit the MD-4 Lions Student Speakers website at studentspeaker.md4lions.org/. For more information or to sign up to participate, please call Cyndi at (707) 496-9724. There are seven clubs in Humboldt County. If you are not in the McKinleyville area, you choose to be placed with another club in the area.

DANCE PARTY The Humboldt Folk Dancers invite the public to a live music, World Dance Party, Friday, Dec. 6 from 8 to 11 p.m. at the Redwood Raks World Dance Studio, 824 L St., in the Creamery District in Arcata. The event features easy dances and an evening of world music with international bands. All ages and dance levels are welcome. (707) 496-6734, humboldtfolkdancers.org

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incentives, and ride and drives, and some of the latest electric vehicle models will be on display.

“This is a chance for the community to learn firsthand why there are so many more electric vehicles on the road these days,” said Nancy Stephenson, Community Strategies Manager, Redwood Coast Energy Authority. “Families can pick up information about available EV options and benefits and ask questions about switching over to clean transportation.”

Also, a RadRunner Electric Bike will be raffled off, and tickets will benefit

the Annie and Mary Trail, thanks to Rad Bikes.

At the Expo, the Blue Lake Rancheria will be presenting information on a One Stop Shop tool that is being developed so the public can immediately learn what specific vehicle incentive they may qualify for, including for hybrid vehicles and used vehicles. In addition, a number of booths will address common concerns people have about electric vehicles, such as range anxiety.

The Electric Vehicle Parade will begin at 5:30 p.m. The route will begin at the Blue Lake Casino and Hotel, go through the City of

Blue Lake, and end at the Blue Lake Rancheria where there will be a special holiday tree lighting. Participants are being encouraged to decorate their own electric-powered vehicles for the parade.

“This is a really fun holiday parade for the Blue Lake area, that families can come out and watch,” said Susan Ornelas with the City of Blue Lake. “We will be notifying residents and businesses on the parade route, and encourage them to step outside and join the fun when the EV Parade goes by.”

Those who sign up can bring transportation ranging from zero-emission stock electric vehicles, homemade contraptions,

retrofits, e-bikes, golf carts, motorcycles, and more are welcome (but sorry, no gas/electric hybrids). Lights, music, and any other electric vehicle decorations are limited only by your imagination, but all decorations must be electric or people-powered, no emissions! Prizes will be awarded in various categories including, “Out of this World,” “Spiciest,” and “Intrepid Traveler.” Celebrity judges for the parade will be Humboldt County Supervisor Mike Wilson, Rutabaga Queen Betty Crafter, and Blue Lake Rancheria Councilman Jason Ramos.

“We are honored to work with our regional partners, and spread awareness about the need for climate action initiatives when it comes to transportation,” said Blue Lake Rancheria Councilman Jason Ramos. “We encourage the public to come out to learn about electric vehicles, and have fun!”

The Blue Lake Rancheria is already leading the way in climate action with an aggressive timeline to have zero net carbon emissions by 2030. The tribe invests in green fuels and clean transportation. In 2013, the tribe began migrating its government fleet to electric vehicles. There are two EV charging stations installed at BLR with more planned. The tribe is also developing a green commute program for its employees, and will soon be purchasing an electric shuttle bus.

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1:00 PM TO 6:30 PM

Fresh Bread Selection

Mista Salad

Mixed Greens Salad

Winter Squash Bisque

Yukon Gold Mashed Potatoes

Candied Yams with Marshmallows

Chef’s Recipe Traditional Stuffing

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